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SOVIET PLANES. CZECH AUTOS RECEIVED IN PCLAND

PCLAND GETS SOVIET-MADE IL-12s -- Zycie Warszawy; No 236, 28 Aug 49

The management of LOT invited Warsaw's newspapermen to be present at the first trial run of the new Soviet-made I1-12 passenger transport plane. As soon as the crews and technical personnel complete their training courses, the planes will be put on long-distance scheduled flights. The new twin-engine planes far surpass the Dakotas and Li-2s used up to now in speed, safety, and comfort. On long-distance flights, 28 passengers will be carried; on shorter flights, 32 passengers may be carried comfortably.

The planes are equipped with modern radio-navigational aquipment and can fly and land under any atmospheric conditions. The II-12s are equipped with radar altimeters, which up to now were not used on any Polish aircraft. At an average speed of 310-350 kilometers per hour, their range permits nonstop flights along any route in Europe.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA DELIVERC 264 SKODA AUTOS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 228, 20 Aug 49

Two hundred sindy-four of the 1,000 Skoda automobiles ordered from Coschoslovakia for 1949 have been received at Warsaw. They will be assigned to state offices and local, cooperative, and welfare institutions.

Some of these automobiles are model 1101 two-door-sedans, and some are four-door sedans. They are equipped with 32-horsepower, four-cylinder, water-cooled motors. Their maximum speed is 100 kilometers per hour and gasoline consumption on a good road is 8 liters of gasoline per 100 kilometers.

In addition to the above, 100 small van trucks, Skoda Model 1101, were received. will be used for transportation of baggage, mail, or newspapers. Their maximum load is 500 kilograms.

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WARSAW TUNNEL PROGRESSES -- Zycie Warszawy, 27 Aug 49

Work on the tunnel running under Aleje Jerozolimskie in the direction of the railroad station is proceeding in two shifts on the section between Bracka and Marszalkowska streets. A 100-meter-long section between Bracka and irucza streets is completed. The road surface above the tunnel is being laid, and traffic is expected to start after 1 September. Only the section between Marszalkowska Street and the railroad station will then remain to be built. The entire tunnel running under Aleje Jerozolimskie will be ready for operation mext year.

WARBAW HAS 21,032 MOTOR VEHICLES -- Rzeczpospolita, No 235, 27 Aug 49

Of 21,032 motor vehicles registered in Warsaw, 9,344 are passenger cars, 7,055 trucks, 4,091 motorcycles, and 542 busses. The number is steadily growing.

1,159 TAXIS IN WARSAW -- Trybuna Ludu, No 235, 27 Aug 49

At present, there are 1,159 taxi cabs registered at Warsaw (2,306 in 1938). The number of horse-drawn carriages is steadily decreasing and at present is 200 (1,006 in 1938).

SAVINGS PROGRAM IN PORT OPERATIONS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 229, 21 Aug 49

In line with the savings program, the Gdansk Maritime Office is making repairs of the loading equipment with its own facilities. The port repair shops in Gdynia and Gdansk (on Holm) are doing the work on the wharves and in the shops.

Recently, three $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ton reconditioned cranes were put into operation in Gdynia on the Polish and Rotterdam wharves. Capital repairs have been completed on Cranes No 7 and No 23. Crane No 13 was repaired and put in operation. Two more cranes on the Polish Wharf are in repair.

In Gdansk, the port shops are repairing a number of cranes including a floating cabin crane of the Marion type. The crane branch of the Chief Maritime Bureau is continuing with the repair of the 5-ton crane brought from Elblag.

FEL TO HAVE MEW WHARF -- Rzeczpospolita, No 229, 21 Aug 49

Work has started on the construction of a wharf in the fishing port of Hel. This is an important investment which will help establish Hel as one of the bases of the Polish fisheries in the Baltic.

GDANSK WEARF HEAR COMPLETION -- Rzeczpospolita, No 229, 21 Aug 49

The construction of the northern wharf in the basin of the free port area of Gdansk is near completion. Warehouse No 3, a gigantic two-story building, is now under construction. In the near future, Warehouse No 4, a one-story building with basement and a total floor space of 19,000 square meters, will be erected adjoining it.

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TO REGULATE WISLA RIVER -- Trybum Indu, No 218, 10 Aug 49

Intensive work is being carried on by the Warsaw Administration of State Waterways along the Wisla River, especially between Warsaw and Modlin, for improved navigation and flood control. The river will be narrowed to 220 meters, and regulated to a minimum depth of one meter.

The following method is used: so-called fascine "mattresses," or layers of bundled twigs, are weighted with rubble or concrete and sunk in the river. These layers are built up to the required level and then paved to prevent washing away.

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